

MINUTES OF TALBOT COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MONTHLY MEETING

March 13, 2017

I. Roll Call

- A. The regular monthly meeting of the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 13th, 2017. All members were in attendance: Marsha Kacher, Chair, Cynthia Schmidt, Robert Amdur, Dorothy Fenwick, and Robert Mueller, Victor MacSorley and Ron Mitchell. Representing the County Planning Department were Martin Sokolich, Long Range Planner and Miguel Salinas, Assistant Planning Director.
- B. Review of Minutes from the February 13th meeting. The February Minutes were unanimously approved by the Commissioners.

II. Old Business

A. DOCUMENTATION OF EASTERN VILLAGES

Preservation Works LLC (Elizabeth Beckley) made a PowerPoint presentation on the research findings from her research on several non-residential structures in the rural villages of Skipton, Cordova, Williamsburg and Bruceville; and the completion of Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Form for all structures. The slides, without any accompanying written materials or hard copies of photographs, revealed a wealth of details about the histories and uses of a number of commercial buildings and their ownership over time. Two small country churches were also surveyed.

A. Update on Hazard Mitigation Project

Part I of the grant funded project to inventory historic structures susceptible to flood hazards in four villages is near completion. The HPC has received the final draft of the text portion of the study, for review before publication.

B. February site visit report

Members of the HPC conducted a site visit to the Oxford District Customs House. The building remains in need of some maintenance and repair. It was also revealed that the often told story that the Customs House was ferried across the Tred Avon to its present site when it was no longer used was not factual. Rather the site was deliberately chosen by the first District Customs Officer.

III. New Business

A. Update on to Phase II Hazard Mitigation Assessment RFP

Bids for the study were advertised in February, 2017. The one offer received by the County was from a local, qualified firm. The Planning Department recommended that the contract be offered to Vision Planning and Consulting. Members of the HPC requested that before the contract is awarded an in person meeting between the Principal of Vision Planning and Consulting and members of the HPC should be scheduled. A meeting has been tentatively set for March 20.

B. Upcoming Site Visit

A visit to Beverly was planned for March 27, at 3 PM.

IV. Open floor

A. Introduction and comments by Miquel Salinas

Mr. Salinas said that he looked forward to working with the Historic Preservation Commission and gaining a deeper understanding of Talbot County. He outlined his career, working most recently in Loudon Co. VA, in Economic Development and Community Planning. Prior to that, he worked in the historic community of Taos, NM.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 10th at 3:00 pm, at 215 Bay Street, Conference Room #1.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 4:45 pm.